

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Marc DREYFUS et al.

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Application No. 10/633,577

Group 1652

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Examiner C. Patterson

MUTANT E. COLI STRAINS, AND THEIR USE FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT POLYPEPTIDES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 29, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 29, 2005, for which the period for response has been extended three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An $\mbox{\bf Appendix}$ is attached following the signature page of this paper.